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SUBJECT: GENERAL SOMOZA'S VIEWS ON MEXICO CITY FOREIGN MINISTER'S
MEETING

1. SINCE GENERAL ANASTASIO SOMOZA MAKES MOST IMPORTANT
FOREIGN POLICY DECISIONS IN NICARAGUA, THE AMBASSADOR MET
WITH HIM FEBRUARY 12 TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE MEXICO CITY
FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING.

2. AFTER THE AMBASSADOR'S PRESENTATION BASED ON SUMMARY
TALKING POINTS, GENERAL SOMOZA REPLIED THAT HE WAS GREATLY
ENCOURAGED BY THIS INITIATIVE WHICH PRESIDENT NIXON AND
SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD TAKEN IN TRYING TO OPEN A NEW,
POSITIVE DIALOGUE WITH LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS. HE
BELIEVED THIS WAS A VERY IMPORTANT MOVE FORWARD WHICH
COULD HAVE EXCELLENT RESULTS FOR BOTH THE UNITED STATES
AND LATIN AMERICA.

3. COMMENTING AT LENGTH ON THE RIO TREATY, SOMOZA STRESSED
THAT IT WAS STILL EXTREMELY USEFUL TO THE HEMISPHERE EVEN
THOUGH SOME ASPECTS OF IT MAY APPEAR TO BE OUTDATED. HE
ACKNOWLEDGED THE NEED FOR MAKING SOME MINOR ADJUSTMENTS IN

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THE TREATY BUT OPPOSED ANY MAJOR CHANGES WHICH MIGHT TEND

TO VITIATE IT. SOMOZA BELIEVED THE HEMISPHERE NATIONS
NEEDED ALL POSSIBLE DEVICES AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR PEACEFULLY
SETTLING DISPUTES AND ASSISTING ONE ANOTHER--THERE WAS NO
SUCH THING AS HAVING TOO MANY.

4. GENERAL SOMOZA WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT SPECIFIC
MENTION OF THE TERM "MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATION" BE AVOIDED
IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. HE CONSIDERED THIS A LOADED PHRASE
WHICH WOULD AUTOMATICALLY TRIGGER AN UNFAVORABLE, NEGATIVE
RESPONSE FROM MANY LATINS. HE SUGGESTED THAT SOME GENERAL
WORDING SUCH AS "MEASURES DEALING WITH INTER-AMERICAN
COMMERCIAL AND INVESTMENT RELATIONS" BE USED INSTEAD
SOMOZA ALSO OBSERVED THAT ANY REFERENCE TO CLOSING THE AMERICAS
TO "MILITARY FORCES FROM THE OUTSIDE" SHOULD BE CAREFULLY LIMITED
TO INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES GIVEN GUATEMALAN OBJECTIONS TO BRITISH
FORCES IN BELIZE AND POSSIBLE OTHER PROBLEMS IN THE CARIBBEAN.
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